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SUBJECT: TIMING OF MAC MEETING

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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1. ON QUESTION OF TIMING MAC MEETING BELIEVE ON BALANCE
BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO GET MEETING OUT OF WAY AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE BEFORE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. CONSEQUENTLY, UNLESS
EMBASSY/UNC SEE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES, RECOMMEND THAT UNC
COUNTERPROPOSE MAC MEETING FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

2. WE REALIZE ROKG IS TRYING TO EXPLOIT INCIDENT
PUBLICLY. HOWEVER, GIVEN OVERALL CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT'S
TRIP, WE WISH TO AVOID STATE-
MENTS AT MEETING WHICH COULD BE MISINTERPRETED IN
INTERNATIONAL PRESS AS THREATENING OR BEYOND ARMISTICE
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CONTEXT.

3. IN EVENT EMBASSY/UNC DO SEE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH
PROCEEDING WITH NOVEMBER 18 MEETING, REQUEST YOUR
ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN IMMEDIATE/NIAC MESSAGE.
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